oted a short leader to him, for his oftence has a strange onte. Arrayed in a tattered gown of the ent seculiar to Camford Bachelors of Aris, with battered cap upon his head, he had in road daylight walked down Regent street reaking the hamps with a long stick. Proceeding calmly and without hurry, and ollowed by a rapidly-increasing crowd, he ad smashed some half dozen before a potential appeared and took him into custody. At the Police Court he told he Magistrate that he had once been a assistant master in a school, but a lately got his fiving on the turf, on ramp, and in other more or less disrepuble ways. He was willing enough to rork, but could not get employment, so ways. He was willing chough to t, but could not get employment, so broken the lamps by way of advertise-ter. He had one little complaint to a grainst the polece. He gave his a, Charles Micklewed, to the Inspect-nd that officer refused to further en-sh the charge-sheet with his proper ription—Bachelor of Arts, St. Boniface refused to the contract.

and time holding out his hand with ent expectation of a friendly grasp, ev. Joshua Bamlett recoiled a little, on't know, prisoner," began he, ser you mean this as a joke. Let me

one the ryon mean table of the way to—"
you it is hazelly the way to—"
Oh! stow it, Josh." interrupted the unshed reprobate. "Do you mean to say idon't know me. It's my beard, I super. Pity! didn't get a spell long enough have it shaved off. I'm Charley Mickle-

"What! Micklereed, my old Camford iend? Yes, now I see it is. But oh, harley, Charley, what has brought you to

"Proximately the Government omnibus nown as 'Black Maria'; ultimately that omnion complaint—want of employment, on't you know why I was sent up? You on't mean to say it isn't in the paper?" and Mr. Micklereed, seriously alarmed for

s in Recent street.

be true. I know no one called Masterton, be and Charley Micklereed had lodged in the same house and belonged to the same set. It was not in any way a distinguished set, and Micklereed had been a kind of honorary member of it. That eccentric young man always seemed to regard the university easantmenk did the world—he was in it, but not of it. He was an orphan, and had gone-to Camford against his own will, but inaccordance with that of his father. His father had had a belieffounded, it is needless to say, on knorrance—in the value of a Camford degree, which had induced him to make his sor's inheritance of his little property depend upon the attainment of that accidentical distinction. Charley fulfilled this condition as easily as he could, and spent the money as quickly as possible. Then he took a situation, but as he could not being himself to look upon the unwillingness of John Bull, Jr., to acquire useless knowledge as a serious crime, he scon lost it. From that time Mr. Barmlett had loss-saght of his friend, though he had often wondered what had become of his olden wondered what had become of his promotion? Did he mean to levy black-

it. Wish I could, for it must be uncommonly nasty to swallow."

The coolness of the request took away Mr. Bamlett's breath. He told his friend he would not on any account commitsuch a breach of the trust reposed in him. For five minutes they argued the point. The elergyman pleaded conscience; the prisoner pleaded the duties of friendship. The question was left unsettled, but next night the prisoner, with a morsel of tobacco in his mouth, slept better than the man who had supplied him with it. The Rev. Mr. Bamlett's conscience was tender, and though he gave way to the importunities of his friend on two or three subsequent occasions, he was very glad when the day came for No. 119 to leave the prison.

prison.

One thing alone somewhat lessened the bitterness of his self-reproach. Micklereed during the last week of his time showed some faint signs of repentance, or rather of consciousness that he might after all have made a fool of himself. The Rev. Joshua was neither proud nor envious, and did not scruple to acknowledge to himself that rigotine, had parkage spaceaded, where

arance. Warder Smath, who saw him we the prison, said that a "lawyer-look-rentleman" had met him and taken in off in a hansom. Also that No. 119, ticing him outside the gate, had borwed a sovereign from the "lawyer-look-rentleman" and given it to him, say-rell Mr. Bamlett he shall hear from the "Tell Mr. Bamlett he shall hear from the "lawyer-look-rentleman" and given it to him, say-rell Mr. Bamlett he shall hear from the shall hear from the

the curate was rather vector at his satisfact, and he nurmured to himself hard sayings about the ingratitude of man.

On Friday night, however, Mr. Bamlett was reading the Guardian, and he came to a paragraph which considerably astonished

nominal value of 2500 a year is some indi-cation of its actual one. The population of the parish is 260, and there is a good vica-rage. We congratulate Mr. Bamiett on his

rejoiced in the name of Joshua.

"Surely," said he to himself, "it can't be true. I know no one called Masterton. Besides, I should have heard of it direct."

Junction his landlady entered the room with a letter.

"This came for you, sir, this morning,"

## THE SACRED RIVER

HOUSANDS OF HINDOO TEMPLES ON THE BANKS OF THE GANGES.

How this Mighty River Fertilizes the

what you like there's a philanthropist waiting for me, when I get outside, with the offer of a situation."

But will you witch to work if you get it?"asked the clergyman.

"Of course I will, if the work will stick to me," replied Mr. Micklerced. "I don't pretend to be in love with work like so many humburs nowadays, but I bow to the necessity of it. Honestly, I tried all I could to get a job before I came here."

"But, then, what character had you."

"But, then, what character to do with it?" interrupted the prisoner. "Isn't the right to labor the pet theory of the present day? Besides, there was nothing against my character. I didn't drink. I didn't steal. I didn't even lie. The last head-master I saw, after seeming satisfied with my answers to all his questions about my competence, had the impudence to ask what were my religious opinions, and the word me is the door when I said I hadn't any."

"I gave up the schools, though, after that and tried the docks, but they wouldn't have me there. Then it was prison or work home to get a meal, and I chose prison as being easier to get into than the other place."

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"I's so by Jove, Fd almost forgotten." exclaimed the prisoner. "Smuggle me in a

as sins float away on these waters to the sea,
and that if his ashes are here burned his
soul goes straight to Heaven. If the Hindoo in accents of prayer utters the
name of this river within one hundred
miles of its banks the act atomes for the sins
of three previous lives, and if he has his
head shaved at a point which hes two
hours ride by train from where I am now
writing and the hairs fall into the stream,

I found the banks of the river filled with them this morning. The city lies close to the river, and for three miles along it banks are great temples, from the walls of which stone steps lead down into the Ganges, going under the water and out into the bed of the stream Each of these temples has perhaps on hundred of these steps from its base to the water, and these three miles of such steps were filled with worshippers. All were Hindoos and none were clothed in anything but the thinnest of cottons. There were shrivelled old men and women wrap ped around in the single breadth of dirty

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taken from the soil. Still the land is as rich as guano, and it produces from two to four crops every year. About Calentta the alluvial deposit is 400 feet deep, and an experiment was lately made to get to the end of it. A well was sunk, but at the distance of 481 feet the auger broke. At this point the end of this rich soil had not been reached.

The amount of fertilizing material brought down by the Ganges has been lately estimated and scientific investigation shows that some distance above the point where it unites with the Brahmapootra its yearly burden is the enormous amount of 355,000,000 tons. A thousandton ship is by no means small, and a fleet of 350,000 such ships could not carry this burden. The average freight-car is 34 feet long, and it takes a strong car to carry 50 tons. Suppose our freight-cars to be each 16 feet longer than they are. Load upon each car fifty tons of this fertilizing mud and it would take a train of more than 7,000,000 such cars to carry the yearly fertilizing output of this great river. If these cars were on a single track the track would have to be 67,400 miles long. It

water to the extent of about thirty feet. You see only the tops of trees and villages which are built upon the hills, and the river further up the mantry is diverted by canals from its course to every part of these vast plains. The best of the wheat is irrigated, and the water being allowed to lie upon the land, drops this fertilizer and enriches it. enriches it.

SHOCKING POVERTY OF THE PEOPLE.

In Northwestern India only about 10 per scent of the people eat rice, and in the prison at Agra I found that the prisoners were fed upon grain. Everywhere the mass of the people seem to be underfed, and the leanest, scraggiest specimens of humanity I have ever seen I find in this rich valley of the Ganges. Where nature has done everything the people are starving, and you can have no idea of the skin-and-hone men and boys whom I see daily by the thousands. The costume of the people is often such that the arms and legs—and often the breasts and waists—are bare. There seems to be nothing but skin, bones, and sinew, and the average thigh is not bigger than a

MISS MARY W. CLYMER,



COLLEGE TRICKS.

HOW THE BOYS SECURE DIPLOMAS

Proctors-Buying Proofs, Working the Roler, Changing Books, Etc.

"Many people think that every man who sports a sheepskin that invariably goes with the degree of A. B. which is conferred upon all college graduates must have really become proficient in the different branches of study prescribed by a college curriculum; but they are very much mistaken all the same."

the same."

The speaker was a graduate of Harvard who made his mark in his day in athletics and at the same time maintained a fair standing in his class. It being about the time that all colleges in the country hold their annual examinations the subject introduced was an interesting one, and the Harvard graduate was pressed to explain what he meant by his statement.

marked with our names. When we had taken our seats the examination papers would be passed to each of us. At the trigonometry examination of which I speak I noticed that the man next to me appeared to be very hot. Though the day was only moderately warm he had taken off his coat and was fanning himself vigorously. Pretty soon one of the proctors who were watching us sauntered his way and the young fellow said; 'May I open this window side of me?'

"'Certainly,' said the proctor politely, noticed that as the student opened the vindow he let fall a slip of paper foided

bott there was a tradition a Tarvall bout one unfortunate student, who, while working his boiler burst the elastics that completely snowed in under a great mass of very carefully-prepared data. Of course it was impossible for him to avoid tion, and that settled the examination im. But it was a funny sight, and the proctors had to laugh. But these

made a big fortune and wants to see his son have the advantages of a liberal education which was denied to him. Young Smith, however, is more of a termisplayer than he is a student and the examination time comes around and finds Mr. Smith very far from being fitted to pass anything except possibly the time of day. At the same time it occurs to Mr. Smith that there's his friend young Jones, who is a sophomore at Yale and who always had lots of brains and very little money. A brief correspondence and the promise of a check soon leads Mr. Jones to the conclusion that there is nothing he desires more than to pass the entrance examination at Harvard under the name of Smith. Smith at the same time concludes that if he takes the same axamination under the name of Jones he won't care whether he passes or not. The result is obvious. The man who really could pass apparently fails, and Smith, without doing any work, becomes a full-fledged member of the freshman class at Harvard. The trick is not often played on the faculty, however, because if it is detected the disgrace in which its participants would find themselves would be of a most serious nature.

"After the students once become undergraduates the tricks played oftentimes
have their humorous side. It was a
sophemore who stealthily plated a package
of cisarette-papers on his knee and slyly
began to run them over. He was being
watched at the time by a specially prying
and unpopular proctor, who, in a few moments, pounced down upon him with an
air of exultation. 'I'll trouble you for
those papers, sir,' he hissed. The sophomore gave them up with apparent relucance. The proctor ran them all through
without finding any notes until he came to
the last paper, when this single word stared without finding any notes until he came to the last paper, when this single word stared him in the face. 'Sold!' A little later the same proctor caught the same student con-sulting some round paper discs in the back of his watch. This time he thought there could be no mistake and he pounced down upon his prey, only to find pencilled on one of the slips the words, 'Sold again, you d—n fool.'\*\*

"Yerhaps one of the most wicked tricks played at Harvard was perpetrated on good old Dr. Peabody, who vas as kind hearted an old gentleman as he was absent-minded. It was at an examination in moral philosophy. A student who wasn't at all prepared on the subject went into the examination, and after staying perhaps twenty minutes went out, taking his examination-book and paper with him. He then went to his room and with his chum's assistance wrote out answers to the questions. Going to the yard again the student had a whispered conversation with a small boy to whom he gave half a dollar with this result: When the examination was over and Dr. Peabody was going home with a pile of blue books under his arm the aforesaid small boy rushed up to him from behind, and plucking his sleeve said: 'Say, mister, yer dropped one of yer books.' The old Doctor patted the urchin on the head and kindly thanked him, at the same time handing him a dime; then he tacked the book under his arm and continued on his way. Of course the wily but wicked student got through all right, but he didn't know much about moral philosophy all the same.

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"Another practice that maintained at Harvard in the early seventies and even as late as '78 was the raising of money by the students with which to buy a proof-sheet of the examination-paper. That this practice existed was well known to students at the college who had no need to resort to such means to pass their examination, and it would have been frowned down at once and the guilty parties would have been ostracized socially had it not been for the fact that none of the men who went into the scheme were desirous of getting a high mark for the sake of honors, their only desire being to get through the examination with the least work possible. This of course wrought no injury to any one except the participants in the fraud. The method pursued was to have ten men club together and contribute \$20 apiece or a total of \$200. Sometimes twenty men would be in the secret, when the cost would be handed to a certain individual, who shall be nameless, wao would BUYING EXAMINATION PROOF-SHEETS.

BY WORKING THEIR WITS.

go to the printer's 'devil' and have him surreptitiously abstract a proof, for which he would get \$50 from the gobetween. Even after the faculty took the precaution of having the papers printed inside the 'Yard,' over the Bursar's office, the night before the examination this scheme was possible because he could drop it out of a window at an early hour in the morning and only a few hours were necessary to enable the conspirators to prepare answers to a given set of questions, particularly as 50 per cent. was ordinarily the highest mark aimed at as that was sufficient to take off entrance conditions.

"THE RITER BITTEN."

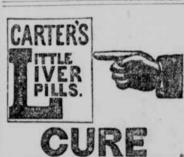
"But even after the proof was bought it was not always plain sailing with the undergraduates who wanted a degree without work, and there were several curious and even humorous instances where the biter was in the end bitten. For instance, once a geometry paper was bought during the freshman year of a certain class which was divided into two sections, one under Professor Briggs. It was supposed that both secwho made his mark in his day in athletics and at the same time maintained a fair standing in his class. It being about the time that all colleges in the country hold their annual examinations the subject introduced was an interesting one, and the Harvard graduate was pressed to explain what he meant by his statement.

"I will begin," said he, "with a case that came under my personal observation my freshman year, in an examination in trigonometry. In the first place at Harvard we were all obliged to hand in a couple of weeks before each examination a regulation blank book with blue covers which we bought at Sever's book store. On the morning of the examination we would find these books on the desks of the hall where we were examined, each marked with our names. When we had taken our seats the examination papers would he passed to each of us. At the trigonometry examination of which I speak I noticed that the man next to me appeared to be very hot. Though the day was only moderately warm he had taken off his coat TRICKS THAT ARE VAIN.

and minus his \$20.



Poor, unfortunate Batrachlan! In what



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